

BUSINESS RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Agenda for the Fall BRAC committee meetings October 22 and 23, 2003

The agenda below shows the dates and times for all individual committee meetings to be held October 22 and 23, 2003. All of the meetings will be held in the Conference Center of the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC.

Wednesday -- October 22, 2003 (Conference rooms 7& 8)

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics

1. Current Population Survey - Current Employment Statistics discrepancies: observations and analysis
2. Report on new BLS data on job creation and destruction from our longitudinal establishment database
3. Proposed changes to Covered Employment and Wages (ES-202) publication (nondisclosure) policies
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2004 meeting

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Committee on Price Indexes

1. Update on the PPI conversion to NAICS
2. Presentation of the PPI and IPP data collection methods and a demonstration of a prototype web collection tool
3. Discussion of current data collection issues and other possible data collection methods
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2004 meeting

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Committee on Productivity and Foreign Labor Statistics

1. Trends in productivity and hours in nonfarm business and manufacturing since 2001
2. Recent developments in the industry productivity program: NAICS conversion; new multifactor productivity measure for airlines
3. Study of family structure and employment patterns for 12 developed countries
4. Recent activities of the Division of International Technical Cooperation
5. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2004 meeting

Thursday - October 23, 2003 (Conference rooms 7& 8)

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions

1. Changes in Classification Systems -- Issues and Plans
 - Industry classification (from SIC to NAICS)
 - Occupational classification (from OCSM to SOC)
 - Area classification (reflecting results of the 2000 Census)
2. Employee Benefit Data from NCS -- Review of recently released information and plans for additional outputs
3. Other topics and new business identified by the members
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2004 meeting

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

1. Commissioner's address
 - New BLS management initiatives
 - PARTS and Outcome measures
 - How BRAC can better help BLS
2. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2004 meeting

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Committee on Occupational Safety and Health

1. Results of the 2002 Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries
2. Update on the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses, including OSHA recordkeeping changes, conversion to NAICS, new data elements, and Internet collection
3. Special surveys on occupational safety and health issues
4. BLS outreach efforts regarding occupational safety and health statistics
5. Discussion of agenda items for the Spring 2004 meeting

The meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions regarding the BRAC or need additional information, please contact advisorycommittees@bls.gov.